

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-47 (Previously cancelled)

48. (Currently amended) ~~A firestarter~~ An artificial firelog material, comprising:

(a) a plurality of waxed corrugated cardboard segments; ~~and~~

(b) ~~a plurality of paper segments;~~

(c) ~~wherein said waxed corrugated cardboard segments and said paper segments are mixed together.~~

(b) wherein said segments are compressed circumferentially in relation to a central longitudinal axis of the firelog; and

(c) wherein said segments have surfaces that are positioned radially outward in relation to the central longitudinal axis of the firelog.

49. (Currently amended) ~~A firestarter material as recited in claim 48, wherein said waxed corrugated cardboard segments and said paper segments are mixed together in a ratio of waxed corrugated cardboard segments to paper segments greater than 1:1~~ An artificial firelog material as recited in claim 48:

wherein said segments open or expand with heat when burned; and

wherein corrugations in said segments channel oxygen throughout the segments.

50. (Currently amended) ~~A firestarter~~ An artificial firelog material as recited in claim 48, wherein said segments are adhered together in a generally interlocking planar

configuration, comprising;

- (a) ~~— a plurality of waxed corrugated cardboard segments; and~~
- (b) ~~— a plurality of paper segments;~~
- (c) ~~— wherein said waxed corrugated cardboard segments and said paper segments are mixed together; and~~
- (d) ~~— wherein said waxed corrugated cardboard segments and said paper segments are mixed together in a ratio of waxed corrugated cardboard segments to paper segments greater than 1:1.~~

51. (Currently amended) ~~A firestarter~~ An artificial firelog material, comprising;

- (a) a plurality of waxed corrugated cardboard segments;
- (b) ~~— wherein a portion of said waxed corrugated cardboard segments are hammermilled into a cotton-like fiber material~~
- (b) wherein said segments are compressed circumferentially in relation to a central longitudinal axis of the firelog;
- (c) wherein said segments have surfaces that are positioned radially outward in relation to the central longitudinal axis of the firelog; and
- (d) wherein said segments are adhered together in a generally interlocking planar configuration.

52. (Currently amended) ~~A firestarter~~ An artificial firelog material as recited in claim 51, wherein the ratio of ~~non-hammermilled cardboard segments to hammermilled cardboard segments~~ is greater than 1:1

wherein said segments open or expand with heat when burned; and
wherein corrugations in said segments channel oxygen throughout the
segments.

53. (Currently amended) ~~A firestarter~~ An artificial firelog material, comprising;

(a) a plurality of waxed corrugated cardboard segments;

(b) ~~wherein a portion of said waxed corrugated cardboard segments are~~
~~hammermilled into a cotton-like fiber material; and~~

(c) ~~wherein the ratio of non-hammermilled cardboard segments to~~
~~hammermilled cardboard segments is greater than 1:1~~

(b) wherein said segments are compressed circumferentially in relation to a
central longitudinal axis of the firelog;

(c) wherein said segments have surfaces that are positioned radially outward
in relation to the central longitudinal axis of the firelog;

(d) wherein said segments are adhered together in a generally interlocking
planar configuration.

(e) wherein said segments open or expand with heat when burned; and

(f) wherein corrugations in said segments channel oxygen throughout the
segments.

Claims 54-59 (Canceled)